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From: Wendy Baird
To: Mike Powell
Date: 11/22/02 10:36PM
Subject: Preserve Diversity and Openness in the Media and on the Internet

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Sharon Jenkins - Proposed rule change

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From: "Bronski / Wagner" <bronskiwagner@cox.net>
To: <mpowell@fcc.gov>
Date: 10/26/2002 1:26 AM
Subject: Proposed rule change

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Mr. Chairman: I just saw Bill Moyer's show on PBS, Now, discussing a possible weakening of the regulations prohibiting a company from owning both a newspaper and television station in the same market. I am very concerned that you might repeal this regulation. I believe we are already suffering from decreased competition in the country's news providers. The consolidation and concentration of news and entertainment companies is already decreasing the number of views on the major networks. Allowing these same companies to own both the television and newspaper companies means citizens will have even fewer opportunities to obtain competing views in their news sources.

I believe our country's experience with deregulation is dismal. We have deregulated electricity in California and gained brown outs and decreased service; we deregulated the telephone companies and got annoyingly confusing services, vast resources spent on advertising the different services, and huge decreases in service levels; we deregulated the cable TV industry and prices have gone up and service has gone down. We cannot afford to make the same mistake with our news sources. A democracy cannot flourish without a free and competitive press. Adopting regulations that allow, no encourage, the consolidation of television and newspaper companies in a market can only harm our democratic society. This price is too dear, no matter what the industry might argue.

Donna Bronski
bronskiwagner@cox.net

c: members of the FCC

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From: Alan B. Campbell
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu, Oct 31, 2002 1:16 PM
Subject: Re: Media control

Dear FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell,

We are deeply concerned about the ongoing mergers and buyouts among media service organizations that have occurred during the last few years. There seems to be a concerted effort on the part of the media to concentrate almost exclusively on U.S. news in the press, on TV etc. The American public is out of contact with what is really happening in other countries and cultures. The result has been a distortion of facts and a shameful disregard for world problems such as starvation, poverty and deprivation. Millions of innocent children are dying while we squander in the excesses of materialism. This situation is not the exclusive fault of the FCC but the decisions of your committee must bear some of the guilt for the control of news by fewer and fewer persons of power. We are retired, on Social Security and do not choose to purchase cable television. It is a sad commentary on our society that we find it necessary to follow BBC Television News on PBS but .regretfully, it is the only non -subscription U.S. television network that presents world news with any appreciable degree of importance.

We urge you not to expand current FCC rules that will encourage the establishment of additional media conglomerates. The succession of mergers is damaging the democratic process of making wise and worldly decisions through consideration of divergent opinions. Thank you for your response to this letter.

Alan and Miriam Campbell, 1650 Koehler Drive NW. Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52405

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From: Richard Rich
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu, Oct 31, 2002 5:02 PM
Subject: Preserve Diversity and Openness in the Media and on the Internet

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From: ALAN ANDERSON
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, Nov 1, 2002 7:10 PM
Subject: Mergers

Limit number of media entities any corporation can own.

Maintain wide diversity of ownership.

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From: Emma Burkhart
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, Nov 1, 2002 7:11 PM
Subject: Preserve Diversity and Openness in the Media and on the Internet

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Emma Burkhart

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From: Pia Park
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, Nov 1, 2002 7:12 PM
Subject: Review of rules regulating media ownership - my comment

Dear Mr. Powell:

I understand that the FCC is currently reviewing its regulatory rules for media ownership. This is something I feel strongly about, and I wanted to take the time to share my thoughts. I didn't learn about this review from a commercial news outlet, by the way; I heard about this from public television. Already that is saying something about what is wrong with reducing the number of information gatekeepers. The large corporate media organizations can unilaterally decide what news to share, and what not to share, and already they seem unwilling to give airtime to an issue that may affect them adversely, despite its service to the public good.

I'm troubled by the lack of awareness among citizens that this issue is currently being weighed by the FCC. It seems many more people would care if only they knew about it. I am not particularly active with political issues - I vote in most elections, not all. I have never campaigned for an issue or candidate. But I care a lot about how information is filtered to me.

Perception creates reality. Who says what about whom creates impressions not easily undone. I can't **see** a free society existing where diverse opinions are not shared, where time is not given to discussion. I feel this should be vigorously protected. I feel this quality of life should not be devalued, or **left** to fend for itself, because some people stand to make money from consolidating businesses. I don't care how much money it is; the greater, wider public would be poorly served by it.

Please take into consideration my objection to de-regulating rules of media ownership. Keep ownership of media as separate as possible. This is an incredibly important decision in the hands of the FCC right now. Please protect the interests of the public. The media giants do not speak for me.

Thank you for your time

Pia Park

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CC: Michael Copps

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Sharon Jenkins - media conglomeration

From: <Mandyktinker@aol.com>
To: <mpowell@fcc.gov>
Date: 10/25/2002 9:08 PM
Subject: media conglomeration

Do not allow any more conglomeration of media corporations. Media companies should not be allowed to own any more than two media outlets in any market, and even then the outlets must be the same, i.e., if Knight-Ridder owns two newspapers in Philadelphia, it *cannot* also own a television station or radio station. This issue is to important to allow any kind of influence by media corporations. The public owns the airways; it is high time to allow the public to exercise that ownership.

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Sharon Jenkins - New FCC Rules and Reforms

From: Lin Zucconi <linz@mail.snowcrest.net>
To: <mpowell@fcc.gov>, <kabernat@fcc.gov>, <mcopps@fcc.gov>, <kjmweb@fcc.gov>
Date: 10/25/2002 11:28 PM
Subject: New FCC Rules and Reforms
CC: <linz@snowcrest.net>

Dear Commissioners:

As a citizen of this Country, I am greatly concerned by FCC plans to essentially deregulate media ownership. To allow one organisation to own several forms of media in anyone geographic area will severely restrict free speech and freedom of information for citizens living in such an area.

Present FCC rules that restrict media ownership so that one company can not own several of print, television, radio or other media in one geographic area helps ensure that citizens can obtain multiple points of view and multiple diverse sources of information. Such simultaneously available multiple sources of information are essential to preservation of democracy. It is essential that citizens be well-informed on local, national and international issues from multiple points of view in order to participate in the democratic process

Allowing only one or two organisations to control the major media in any one community will almost guarantee that these organisations will

- 1) be able to control the political agendas in the community, and
- 2) covertly control the voting patterns of local citizens in state and national elections.

This would be a very dangerous outcome for the future of our democracy,

Please do not further deregulate media ownership rules

Best regards,

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Sharon Jenkins - Media Consolidation

From: <AlcSul@aol.com>
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Date: 10/25/2002 11:55 PM
Subject: Media Consolidation
CC: <President@whitehouse.gov>, <Vice.president@whitehouse.gov>,
<senator@thurmond.senate.gov>, <fair@fair.org>, <senator@hollins.senate.gov>

Mr. Powell,

I feel that the FCC's top priority should **be** media diversity. It is not in my nor any citizen's **best** interest to have media monopolies. We should **be** strengthening the rule prohibiting cross ownership of newspapers and television stations in the same market. What good is freedom of speech if there are only a few platforms. Please do all you can to ensure this rule is not weakened.

Alice Sullivan

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Sharon Jenkins - media ownership rules

From: Jane R Davis <jancy8@juno.com>
To: <mpowell@fcc.gov>
Date: 10/26/2002 12:11 AM
Subject: media ownership rules

Dear Mr. Powell,

I understand that the rules governing ownership are to be relaxed, or that this is the proposal, and I think it could be a mistake. I am impressed that there are so many more ways to get news nowso many "vehicles" newspapers, radio, tv ...and, within tv, so many choices of stations, etcbut, so often, there is such a sameness to what is reported sort of like they've done a poll and found out which stories attract more eyeballs or ears.

I mean, the sniper was surely an important story, but everywhere I focused over the last few weeks, THERE it was about the **WHITE VAN!!!!** I even feel that the constant repetition of what turned out to be simple hearsay on all the channels and in all the papers all the time, contributed to the delay in apprehending the murderers.

While there's no guarantee that different ownership increases collective wisdom, I think it helps. Certainly, a shift of focus and emphasis does result from different ownership. I recently read Katharine Graham's autobiography and it has given me a sense of the many ways, both subtle and not so subtle, that ownership becomes determining, particularly with respect to what stories are run or broadcast.

I do not believe it would be a good idea to relax the rules governing ownership of newspapers, radio and television stations in communities. I am concerned about the increasing consolidation of ownership of all media in our country

Sincerely yours,
Jane Davis

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Sharon Jenkins - Media Ownership Policy Reexamination

From: Charles Rudolph <chassy047@earthlink.net>
To: <mpowell@fcc.gov>
Date: 10/26/2002 1:26 AM
Subject: Media Ownership Policy Reexamination
CC: <kabernat@fcc.gov>, <mcopps@fcc.gov>, <kjmweb@fcc.gov>

Dear Chairman Powell:

For New Mexico citizens, the Telecommunications Act of 1996 has been near disastrous in eliminating local radio stations and suppressing competitive views on local TV stations, while few of the promised benefits of the Act have materialized for our state.

Almost all local FM stations (we used to have quite a few) have been bought out by a few national "mega's" and the state's only (long-time) Classical Music station was bought out, forced to change their programming to "top ten" music, after which the terminated staff had to beg money from the public to buy an inferior translator that almost always gets forced off the air by "signal band migration" from a very powerful adjoining (national affiliate) broadcaster. Local tv news on the CBS affiliate is frequently eliminated in favor of "Info-mercials"--during prime time!

Comcast cable and broad-band internet continue to be monopolized and over-priced for the average New Mexico citizen or student. ISP choices are limited to the big nationals.

Our state could really use FCC "media ownership policies that promote competition, diversity and localism in today's media market." However, past efforts by the FCC have over-favored views of national media mega-corporations to the detriment of the great majority of citizens and end-users.

I sincerely hope you will not be persuaded to drop regulations still in effect to discourage "conglomeration" of media interests in an area. We need more competition, diversity and localism, not less.

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From: Barbara Widger
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Date: Wed, Oct 30, 2002 7:33 PM
Subject: FCC Deregulation concern-

FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell: mpowell@fcc.gov
FCC Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy: kabernat@fcc.gov
FCC Commissioner Michael J. Copps: mcopps@fcc.gov
FCC Commissioner Kevin J. Martin: kjmweb@fcc.gov

The FCC was established in 1934 to see that the nation's broadcasters served the public interest - making sure the airwaves were used for more than commercial purposes alone. I want to express my concern about the deregulation of ownership of telecommunications sources; radio, TV, cable and newspapers. Rather than increase the number of outlets available to consumers, it is instead reducing them. The result is that fewer points of view are aired. In addition consolidation has not, as promised, led to reduced rates for those who use cable. They have instead increased. In order for capitalism to remain healthy, competition is crucial!!! I prefer to see more limitation on the number of information outlets any one person or organization can own or control.

Barbara Widger & Ed Bailey, Jr
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From: Meredith Hasenkopf
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu, Oct 31, 2002 12:41 AM
Subject: Preserve Diversity and Openness in the Media and on the Internet

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From: "peterahlberg@excite.com" <peterahlberg@excite.com>
To: <mpowell@fcc.gov>
Date: 10/28/2002 12:14 AM
Subject: Media Consolidation
CC: <kabernat@fcc.gov>, <mcopps@fcc.gov>, <kjmweb@fcc.gov>

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I would like to voice my concern regarding the little mentioned weakening of rules limiting the consolidation of massive media groups. Please consider this when evaluating the extension of your December 2 deadline & your final decision whenever that may come. Truly, to lessen the already weakened rules puts not only 'average' Americans in harms way but yourself, your children and theirs as well.

Thank you

Best Regards
Peter Ahlberg

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From: kent gallaway <kgallaway54971@yahoo.com>
To: <mpowell@fcc.gov>, <kabernat@fcc.gov>, <mcopps@fcc.gov>, <kjmweb@fcc.gov>
Date: 10/28/2002 1:09 PM
Subject: radio and media mergers

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I would like to see an extension to public input on the media issues now pending your commission. I couldn't believe my ears when I heard some time ago that low power fm stations were going to be allowed. I was very disappointed to see it rolled back due to industry pressure. Are you people serving the public or the status quo? You surely know that radio is a wasteland and fills very little of its purpose to inform the public. Diversity is what's needed desperately. Tv is in the same situation. I can't stand to watch or listen to either one hardly anymore except for public tv and radio. But even they are being compromised by corporate influence. please keep the public interest at heart and **do** the right thing.

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Sharon Jenkins - Comment period on relaxing ownership

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From: <Q3772@aol.com>**To:** <mpowell@fcc.gov>**Date:** 10/28/2002 5:15 PM**Subject:** Comment period on relaxing ownership

Dear Mr. Powell:

I would like to know the official address to write my objections about the relaxation of the ownership restrictions

Should you be the one I am supposed to write to, please take this letter as a letter of objection

Sincerely,

P. Carter

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Sharon Jenkins - proposed further media deregulation

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From: <richa@SAFE-mail.net>
To: <mpowell@fcc.gov>, <kabernat@fcc.gov>, <mcopps@fcc.gov>, <kjmweb@fcc.gov>
Date: 10/28/2002 6:30 PM
Subject: proposed further media deregulation
CC: <ehlers@ehlers.org>, <senator@levin.senate.gov>, <senator@stabenow.senate.gov>

Dear FCC Commissioners:

Regarding the proposed further deregulation of corporate media, this is clearly driven by profit/power concerns of a tiny minority who already wield extraordinary power and make obscene profit. Nevertheless, i suggest you support it.

Why? Because perhaps that will be the final straw for enough people, who will finally give up on the corporate media and pull together an effective people's media. That would be the best thing you could do for all of us.

Sincerely,

Richa

c/o 54 5. Division Av.

Grand Rapids, MI, 49503

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Sharon Jenkins - Media Ownership Rules

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From: Dale Miguel <daledmiguel@yahoo.com>
To: <mpowell@fcc.gov>
Date: 10/29/2002 11:23 AM
Subject: Media Ownership Rules
CC: <kabernat@fcc.gov>

Mr. Chairman and Commissioners.

I am writing to express grave concern over the proposed continuing changes in media ownership rules that are being discussed. For the reasons Mr. Cooper of the Consumer Federation of America has aptly cited, I and many of my friends and colleagues (who don't have the time to contact you) oppose Further relaxation of the ownership rules. We see the FCC as not acting in the public interest in this regard over the last 20 years or so. Conglomeration and consolidation have become the norm, profit the motive, and a dumbing down of the content the result. These outcomes are not conducive to a vibrant democracy! The FCC needs to get back to the business of safeguarding the public trust! The airwaves belong to the people, not to the highest bidder. The economic thrust of the current discussion clearly points to the extent to which the FCC has strayed from its mission on behalf of the citizens of this country. I/we beg you to not continue down this path. In fact, we ask that you turn back, and restrict ownership as it was restricted in the past.

Thank you,

Dale Miguel and Friends

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To: <mpowell@fcc.gov>
Date: 10/29/2002 11:32 AM
Subject: Protect Media Diversity
CC: <fair@fair.org>

Dear Mr. Powell,

Media diversity should be a top priority for the FCC, and that media concentration is not in the public interest. I urge the FCC to preserve, and to refrain from weakening, the rule prohibiting cross ownership of newspapers and television stations in the same market.

Thank you,

Shannon Moore
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Austin, TX 78741

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From: "1st Christian Church" <1chrisdoc@bbc.net>
To: <mpowell@fcc.gov>
Date: 10/29/2002 12:56 PM
Subject: Media Deregulation

Please do not continue on this path of destruction of diversity in the country's media.

We already must go outside of the **U.S** to get reliable news and programming

We know where privatization has taken us (at least for the ordinary citizen). For big business it has been a gigantic gift so that they may have complete control of what is presented as news or propaganda and there will be no way for the truth to be presented.

Please dig deep within your conscious and do what is right for all of us, not just big business.

Thank you.

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